

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) an air duct register for use in a finished ceiling in a room for connection to a flexible duct about the ceiling comprising:

a manifold housing adapted for connecting to the duct located above the finished ceiling, said housing providing a fluid passageway from the duct to the room;

a ceiling clamp operably associated with the manifold housing for attaching the manifold housing within a hole of the finished ceiling, the ceiling clamp having an actuator accessible from below the finished ceiling; and

a removable manifold collar releasably attachable to the housing within the second access opening in the side wall, wherein the second access opening has a peripheral edge and at least one portion of the peripheral edge has an inwardly directed lip, and said collar has a double edged flange portion for securing to the inwardly directed lip.

2. (Original) The air duct register of claim 1 wherein the manifold housing is installed from below the ceiling and connected to the flexible duct located above the ceiling.

3. (Original) The air duct register of claim 2 wherein each ceiling clamp further comprises:

a thumb-cam for actuating the clamp.

4. (original) The air duct register of claim 1 further comprising:

a removal manifold collar releasably attached to the manifold housing.

5. (Original) The air duct register of claim 4, wherein the manifold collar includes a plurality of retaining barbs for connecting to the flexible duct.

6. (Original) The air duct register of claim 2 wherein said housing has a first access opening at one end for positioning in a ceiling and a second access opening in a side wall of the housing positioned 90° from the first access opening.

7. - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An The air duct register of claim 7 air duct register for use in a finished ceiling in a room for connection to a flexible duct above the ceiling comprising:

a manifold housing adapted for connecting to the duct located above the finished ceiling, said housing providing a fluid passageway from the duct to the room;

a ceiling clamp operably associated with the manifold housing for attaching the manifold housing within a hole of the finished ceiling, the ceiling clamp having an actuator accessible from below the finished ceiling; and

a removable manifold collar releasably attachable to the housing within the second access opening in the side wall, wherein the manifold collar has a through aperture sized to correspond with the flexible duct and defined by a peripheral wall, wherein one end of the wall has a plurality of retaining barbs for connecting to the flexible duct.

10. (Currently Amended) An ~~The air duct register of claim 7~~ air duct register for use in a finished ceiling in a room for connection to a flexible duct above the ceiling comprising:

a manifold housing adapted for connecting to the duct located above the finished ceiling, said housing providing a fluid passageway from the duct to the room;

a ceiling clamp operably associated with the manifold housing for attaching the manifold housing within a hole of the finished ceiling, the ceiling clamp having an actuator accessible from below the finished ceiling; and

a removable manifold collar releasably attachable to the housing within the second access opening in the side wall, further comprising a rotatable door releasably attachable to the manifold collar wherein said door is positionable between a fully open and a fully closed position.

11. (Original) The air duct register of claim 9, wherein the other end of the peripheral wall forms a ledge for receiving a releasably attachable door.

12. (Original) The air duct register of claim 10, wherein the door is movable to a position from fully opening the passageway through fully closing the passageway.

13. (Original) The air duct register of claim 1, wherein the manifold housing has a radiused and smooth interior for the fluid passageway.